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Defection Report Denied

DONALDSON: Doubt was cast today on the existence of a new high-ranking Soviet KGB defector to the West by the senior Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, Senator Patrick Leahy.

Over the weekend, U. S. News & World Report magazine and the New York Times said a valuable new KGB defector had come over. But Leahy told ABC's John Scali today that a high CIA official had told him no such defector exists. "And if they're misleading me," said Leahy, "they'll wish they hadn't."